

Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A form identification method of identifying types of forms ~~by checking matching of features of a plurality of forms which have previously been registered with features of inputted forms on the basis of position coordinates,~~ comprising the steps of:

extracting one or a plurality of cells, lines, or character lines included in ~~the an~~ inputted form from the inputted ~~forms~~form;

extracting ~~coordinates~~ a coordinate, as input ~~features~~ an input feature, of ~~centers a center of each of~~ the cells, lines, or character lines as said features of the ~~forms~~form;

rotating either said inputted feature or a registered feature of ~~the form~~ a form which has previously been registered on a 90° unit basis;

correcting said inputted feature by a micro angle on the basis of a micro inclination angle detected from the cells, lines or character lines;

checking ~~the matching~~ a matching of the inputted feature with the registered feature;

setting the angle at which said inputted feature most coincides with said registered feature to a direction of the inputted form; and

setting the type of form having the most coincident registered feature to a form identification result.

2. A method according to claim 1, wherein the direction of the inputted form having said most coincident angle is outputted.

3. – 5. (Canceled)